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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON DISTRACTED DRIVING: DRC

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¶1. (U) In response to reftel, Econoff delivered demarche talking points to the Chief of Staff to the DRC Minister of Transport Ernest Ilang'Ikwa on February 3 and the DRC Minister of Transport Mathieu MPita on February 4.

¶2. (U) Mpita stated that on February 3, he signed a circular on road safety measures, which includes a ban on the use of cell phones while driving in the DRC (Circular No. 409/CAB/MIN/TVC/003/2010). He then provided econoff with a copy of the circular. He added that later in February 2010, the Ministry of Transport will launch a radio and TV public awareness campaign alerting the public about the dangers of distracted driving.

¶3. (U) The Ministry of Transportation promised to send statistics on injuries and fatalities connected to traffic accidents caused by distracted driving, which Embassy will forward septel.
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